

HIE Governance Workgroup Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2010
Arkansas Center for Health Improvement Executive Conference Room

Discussion Items

- I. Executive Committee Changes to the Straw Proposal**
 - A. Request to add the Attorney General's Office as a Board member
 - B. Need to remove the word "vendor" from the phase two structure as it assumes there would be a vendor and we are too early in the planning process to definitively determine this
 - C. Need to clarify the roles and reporting structure for the HIT Coordinator in the phase two structure

- II. Q&A with Ray Scott, HIT Coordinator and Frank Scott, Governor's Office**
 - A. Challenges and concerns with the development of HIE
 1. Sustainability of the initiative
 2. Do not want to create a new government entity with this initiative and do not want entities and organizations working in HIE and HIT to become silos

 - B. Perceived benefits of HIE
 1. Lead to greater quality of care and health improvement for Arkansans
 - a. HIE and HIT are more about improving the health system than about technology and that end result needs to be kept in mind (HIE, HIT are a means to an end)
 2. Economic development and job creation

 - C. Rays' Role as HIT Coordinator
 1. An Executive Order will formally establish the Office of Health Information Technology and will establish the State HIT Coordinator position
 2. Will be coordinating all HIE, HIT related initiatives in the state and their funding streams
 - a. Critical need to leverage all funding and relationships with existing initiatives
 3. Governor has asked the HIT Coordinator to coordinate all HIT activities and not just HIE; will work with the Regional Extension Center, Broadband, etc.
 4. It is not the intent to create and run a new state bureaucracy
 5. Will not create a new state agency
 6. HIT Coordinator will be responsible to the Governor

 - D. Governance Approach
 1. Executive Order will establish the Office of HIT and provide a clear delineation of roles and responsibilities
 2. Enabling legislation will be created during the 2011 legislative session; the phase two structure likely to be implement after the session

3. Critical that the governance structure be as flexible as possible to respond to changes that need to be made, respond to the Federal government, programs like Medicare and Medicaid, etc.

III. Next Steps

- A. Next Governance Meeting scheduled for April 19th
- B. Will review draft language for Accountability and Transparency section of the strategic plan (draft version sent to members via email)